

**Buddhist Church of Sacramento
Buddhist Education Committee**

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO EDUCATION AWARD 2017

Dear High School Senior:

You are invited to apply for the Buddhist Church of Sacramento (BCS) Education Award. This award is available to high school seniors who are children or other dependents of dues paying church members. It recognizes long-term membership in the Dharma School and other BCS sponsored or affiliated organizations. **The Education Award is based on a competitive process that includes an application, a personal statement, an essay, letter of recommendation and a formal interview.** This award is to help fund education or training after high school by recognizing students who can clearly express what they have gained in being a part of the Sacramento Betsuin and also share their understanding of Jodo Shinshu. You must have participated in the BCS Dharma School program. Your contributions to and participation in BCS sponsored and affiliated organizations are highly valued and considered in the application review process. Detailed instructions and the application materials are available on the BCS website www.buddhistchurch.com via the Dharma School link.

The complete application packet must be received by the BCS office and filed in the Dharma School mail slot before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017. The complete packet consists of the application, personal statement, essay, and letter of recommendation. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Interviews will be conducted on May 13, 2017.

You must understand that there is no guarantee that all applicants will receive an award. The BCS Education Award is not a scholarship, nor is it an achievement award. If you receive an award, the formal announcement and presentation will take place at the end-of-the-year service on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

If you have any questions about the requirements or process, please contact me at skatfong@gmail.com

In Gassho,

Sandy Kataoka Fong
Chair, Education Committee